

## **Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes(Tuesday, January 19, 2016)**

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### **Members present**

Commissioner President James R. Guy  
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt,  
Commissioner Tom Jarboe,  
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan,  
Commissioner John E. O'Connor  
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator  
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

### **1. OUTSIDE EVENT**

#### **A. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Joint Encroachment Mitigation and Prevention Meeting**

Commissioner President Guy opened the Joint Encroachment Mitigation and Prevention meeting at 9:00 am in the Frank Knox Building, Building 2189, Naval Air Station. Patuxent River.

#### **Present:**

CAPT Heidi Fleming, Commanding Officer, NAS Patuxent River  
CAPT Scott Starkey, Executive Officer, NAS Patuxent River  
Melanie Anderson, Atlantic Test Range, Sustainability Office  
Russell Byrd, Community Planning Liaison Officer, NAVFAC-WASHINGTON  
CDR Alexander Moore, Public Works Officer, NAVFAC-WASHINGTON  
CDR Anthony Rojas, Air Operations Officer

#### **County Staff:**

Chris Kaselemis, Director, Dept. of Economic Development  
Robin Finnacom, Deputy Director, Dept. of Economic Development  
Donna Sasscer, Agriculture Manager, Dept. of Economic Development

Ms. Finnacom provided an overview of the Cooperative Agreement between the Commanding Officer, NAS Patuxent River and the Commissioners of St. Mary's County for Encroachment Mitigation and Prevention signed in 2007 and the 2016 version presented today.

Commissioner O'Connor moved, second by Commissioner Jarboe, to authorize the Commissioner President to sign the renewed Cooperative Agreement between the Commanding Officer, NAS Patuxent River, and Commissioners of St. Mary's County for Encroachment Mitigation and Prevention. Motion carried 5-0.

CAPT Fleming and Commissioner President Guy signed the Cooperative Agreement. Additional topics covered during the meeting included Readiness Environment Protection Integration (REPI), status of the proposed expansion of the Mattapanay Rural Legacy Area, implementing recommendations from the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS), and impact on

closure of Runway 14-32. A State Highway Administration presentation to update road projects was suggested as a topic for the next joint meeting.

A Proclamation was presented to CAPT Fleming.

Commissioner Guy closed the meeting at 10:30 am.

**B. DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION - FDR Tour**

The Commissioners joined George Erichsen, Director, Department of Public Works and Transportation for a tour of selected portions of the proposed FDR Boulevard Corridor.

2. ADJOURN

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**3. WELCOME**

Commissioner President Guy called the regular business meeting to order at 1:30 pm in the Chesapeake Building meeting room, Governmental Center.

**Approval of Minutes**

I move to approve the minutes of January 12, 2016 as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Tom Jarboe, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

**4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR JANUARY 26 AND FEBRUARY 2, 2016**

**B. COUNTY ATTORNEY - Renewal of Lease to Newtowne Players Inc.**

I move to approve renewal of the lease of 21744 Coral Place, Lexington Park, Maryland, to Newtowne Players Inc. and authorize the Office of the County Attorney to so advise the Newtowne Players.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

**C. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - Appoint 2016 Vice President for St. Mary's County Commissioners**

I move to appoint Michael L. Hewitt, District 2, to serve as Vice President for the Commissioners of St. Mary's County for 2016.

Motion by Commissioner Tom Jarboe, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

## **5. MAIN AGENDA ACTION ITEM**

**COUNTY ATTORNEY** - Resolution to Approve Drug-free School Zone Map for Captain Walter Francis Duke Elementary School

I move to adopt the Resolution to approve a Drug-free School Zone Map for Captain Walter Francis Duke Elementary School.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Tom Jarboe.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

## **6. COMMISSIONER'S TIME**

The Commissioners highlighted events attended over the past week and provided general comments.

## **7. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on \_\_\_\_\_

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Sharon Ferris, Senior Administrative Coordinator

## **8. PUBLIC HEARING - CODE HOME RULE**

Bay District Fire Department, 46900 Southern Shangri La Dr, Lexington Park, MD 20653

### **Present:**

Commissioner President James R. Guy

Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt

Commissioner Tom Jarboe

Commissioner John E. O'Connor

Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator

George Sparling, County Attorney  
Leslie Knapp, Jr, Legal and Policy Counsel, MACo  
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Mr. Knapp provided an overview of the three forms of County Governments in Maryland: Commissioner, Charter and Code Home Rule. He then answered questions from the audience pertaining to his presentation.

Commissioner Guy opened the Public Hearing for Public Comment.

The following citizens expressed their views on Code Home Rule.

**Support for Code Home Rule.**

R. Keith Fairfax, 46516 Walnut Court, Lexington Park, MD 20653  
Larry Polsky, 20201 Heron Lane, Lexington Park, MD 20653  
Bruce Theden, 21681 Harrison St., Great Mills, MD 20634

**Non-Support of Code Home Rule.**

James Raley, 26737 Radio Station Way, Leonardtown, MD 20650 (Representing the Farm Bureau)

**Undecided about Code Home Rule**

Keith Harless, 23225 Mirfield Ln., Lexington Park, MD 20653  
Marcia Greenberg, 47977 Memory Lane, St. Mary's City, MD 20686

There were no other citizens wishing to speak so Commissioner Guy closed the public Hearing at 7:55 pm

**9. ADJOURN**